

PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS OF NEWS

There is quite a demand for harvest hands. There are now over 500 men in the city.

Yesterday was the most expensively hot day of the season.

Work has again been commenced on the Winch building, opposite the postoffice.

A large car of new cabbages were yesterday shipped from this point to Osceola, Iowa.

Farmers are now very busy harvesting wheat, and but few are in the city.

The Occidental turned away thirty-eight people yesterday, being unable to accommodate them.

An unusually large number of property owners are having water service put in at their residences this season.

The several school districts of the county will hold their annual meetings for the election of officers on August 10.

Albert Callaway and Rosa Thatcher, (colored) of Clearwater, were married yesterday by Justice Hobbs at his office.

August Deiter yesterday took out his papers in the district court, thus making him a full-fledged citizen of the United States.

The real estate firm of Jocelyn & Thomas have sold to Ed. Vail, Jr., of Laporte, Ind., several hundred acres of land in this county.

The rush at the county treasurer's office has somewhat abated since the date fixed by law for putting on the tax penalty has passed.

A number of Sedgewick county farmers have lately provided themselves with large bells, which they hang on their gates for convenience.

Prairie dogs seem to be rather a staple article. Yesterday another box of them passed through the express office on their way to Kansas City.

In the case of James Archibald vs. Thos. Lynch, which was tried before Justice Hobbs Monday, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant for \$1.75 and costs.

S. Hecht will soon start a jewelry wagon on the road. He has a very nice one, which has just been very handsomely painted and lettered at the shop of A. T. Hill.

There is some talk of extending the water main three-quarters of a mile further north on Lawrence avenue, in order to accommodate people living in that part of the city.

The Brunswick billiard hall yesterday exchanged the organ that has been in their hall for a long time for one larger and of deeper tone. The trade was made with W. H. Kendle.

The following figures will show the receipts and disbursements at the county treasurer's office up to the hour of closing business yesterday: Receipts, \$1,022.50. Disbursements, \$50.00.

Pollock & France expect to remove their stock of groceries into their new brick building last of this week. The new room is now being very nicely and conveniently fitted up with counters, shelves, etc.

Baldwin & Asterberg have entered into partnership, and have removed, refitted and otherwise improved the premises of the latter place of business. Read their advertisement, to be found in this issue.

The young son of Swan Briggs died Monday night of inflammation of the bowels. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the family residence on the corner of Gilbert and Fifth avenues.

Commissioner Stenrod commenced cutting his wheat yesterday morning, but his harvester had proceeded only a short distance when some of the machinery broke, and he was obliged to come to town to have the harvester repaired.

As will be seen by reference to an announcement to be found in another column of the EAGLE, H. G. Lee offers some choice bargains in real estate. Beside this Mr. Lee represents some of the soundest insurance companies in the United States.

The composers of this office are greatly indebted to Joe Ridgeway, the obliging dispenser of cooling beverages, etc., on Douglas avenue, two or three doors east of Market, for a large bucket of delicious, ice-cold lemonade donated to them last evening.

The county teachers' institute will convene in this city on July 21, when it is hoped there will be a full attendance of all the teachers in the county. Every effort will be put forth to make this the most instructive and interesting institute ever held in this city.

The Commonwealth says by virtue of the authority vested in him by law, Gov. Gillick issued his proclamation yesterday, offering a \$200 reward for the arrest and conviction of the unknown party or parties who murdered B. L. Burris at Wichita, on the night of June 17.

J. P. Allen says that at noon yesterday the thermometer registered 200 degrees above zero, and that it began raining about 1 o'clock. After hearing the above we are rather inclined to credit the rumor that Mr. Allen intended stamping the county for the Democrats.

Since the recent burning of the school house at Goodriver, the people are anxious to have the old district divided into two new ones. The citizens of Greenwich and Garden Plain are also urging Superintendent Hammond to establish school districts at their respective towns.

George Henry, who lives between the river, was fined \$15 in Justice Thomas' court yesterday, for placing the carcass of a dead horse upon the premises of J. C. Davis, who lives between the river and two and a half miles from town. Henry was also compelled to remove the carcass.

Mrs. Aaron Barringer, wife of a Dunkard preacher and also daughter of W. M. Funk, died at the age of twenty-three years at her residence, six miles northeast of this city, Monday afternoon. The funeral has been postponed until Thursday, so as to give time for the arrival of friends who live at a distance.

Walter Ford, colored, met with quite an accident last evening. He was attempting to remove a large kettle of boiling water from a stove when the kettle upset, and the contents came in contact with both of his arms, scalding him badly. Dr. McBurnie was called and rendered the unfortunate boy immediate relief.

Richard Bradley, who is confined in jail, charged with the murder of L. B. Burris, will have his preliminary examination in Justice Hobbs' court next Thursday morning, beginning at 9 o'clock. No doubt the court room will be jammed with people anxious to hear the testimony, as startling developments are looked for.

Yesterday the Wichita & Beacon railroad company paid the Beacon \$64.50, the amount due for publishing the proposition to vote bonds in aid of the road; also paid Fred Schatzner, city clerk, \$42, the amount of election expenses incurred by the different wards, in accordance with the terms imposed by the council and agreed to by the company.

In accordance with the EAGLE's suggestion a few weeks ago, a petition has been circulated asking the county board to open Douglas avenue east to the road running south from Cook's. The petition is signed by nearly a hundred of our best business men and heaviest taxpayers, and the board should grant the petition promptly. This will give us one of the finest drives in the vicinity of town besides

affording another avenue to the cemetery. Since Central avenue was graded with the clay from the side ditch, it has been exceedingly muddy in wet weather, and as road east will be greatly appreciated by all.

Under the law the commissioners can only open the road eight feet wide, but we hope private enterprise will see to it that Douglas avenue is continued on the full width.

Such a fine street will more than repay the adjacent property owners for the amount of land which it takes from them.

This is a corn story, a corn story of corn grown in the Nineseah valley. Mr. Jewell on his recent visit here left for Buffalo on one Friday, and on that day in his presence several rows of corn were planted.

On the next Friday stalks of that corn measuring six inches in height were pulled and sent to him, reaching him nine days after they were put in the ground—corn six inches—nine days—two thousand miles.—Cheney Journal.

It is now quite generally believed that L. W. French, the money lender who so suddenly left the city, has gone for good.

We are informed on good authority that he went direct from here to Crested Butte, Colorado, where his wife has been visiting for some time. Those who have best posted as to his affairs thought at the time that he might return, but things have come to light in the last day or two which leave little doubt that he is gone for good.

Messrs. Drake & Benton inform us that what is known as the Hoover bridge, a two and a half mile northeast of town, is in a very bad condition, and is no longer safe for public travel. It has so crossed away that it is now dangerous to cross it with a load of wheat. It has a heavy traction of other engine. The county commissioners should at once take cognizance of this fact, as the people of that vicinity have no other way of crossing Chisholm creek.

Messrs. Judson & Jackson, who have leased the new hotel at Kingman, came down to Wichita last evening for the purpose of making out the final papers, and also for the purpose of buying furniture for the new hotel. It is their intention to put the house up in first-class style, and conduct it second to none in that section of Kansas. Messrs. J. & J. are just the men for the undertaking, and we doubt not the new hotel will soon have a fine reputation and liberal patronage.

A SAD PICTURE. "Oh, it was pitiful. Near a whole city full. Homes they had none."

One of the saddest commentaries on the health of the city, one of the saddest pictures of its darkest side, was seen at the police court room in this city yesterday morning, where three girls were children were arraigned for sexiness and disorderly conduct. Three little girls, homeless and victims of the brute in man, the youngest but ten and the eldest only fifteen years old, brought to face a crowd of loungers, the youngest with wandering eyes and cheeks crimsoned with a shame they could scarcely comprehend. They were given no names, but two of the girls were sisters whose mother left them without anything to eat and little to wear. All three had been found huddled together in the corner of an elevator near the railway track. The tale of these young ladies was sad, as told by themselves was sadder than any words, because neither their own words nor any language could express what some who saw their lips move and watched the quivering emotions of their faces and eyes. Poor little outcasts, how they pined for a home for tender love and protection. When we think of these children, who have been brought to this point of degradation, the fair pretence and plausible gloss of society—of men and women banded together in virtue's name, spending their time, breath and thimble soap, in a showy ostentation to save a delicate step in the fifth of his own degraded appetites and passions, when a helping hand and a sympathetic word might, and would, save to a life of virtue and usefulness helpless little ones like these, our soul cries out for justice.

THE M. E. FESTIVAL.

The young ladies of the Methodist church were indeed fortunate in selecting last evening as the time for holding their ice cream festival. The day preceding had been extremely warm, and the state of the atmosphere at night was but little changed.

As a consequence everybody was anxious to find a cool place, or partake of something of a cooling nature, and by 8 o'clock the skating rink was filled with overwinding with seekers after ice cream and lemonade. Some ten or eleven large tables had been arranged for the convenience of those attending, but such was the crowd that no sooner was a table emptied than it was instantly refilled, and the energies of the waiters were taxed to the utmost in supplying the wants of their patrons. "Rebecca at the Well" proved a novel as well as an exceedingly acceptable feature of the evening, and had the well not been wide and deep its resources would have been exhausted early in the evening. The young ladies having the affair in charge have every reason to congratulate themselves upon its successful issue, both from a financial and enjoyable standpoint. Every one present seemed to enjoy themselves, and the evening passed most pleasantly, the meeting through not dispersing until nearly midnight.

LAST NIGHT'S BANQUET.

The celebration of St. John's day by the colored Masons—Ancient Craft lodge No. 26, of this city, yesterday afternoon and evening, was in every way keeping with the importance of the occasion. These joyous celebrations date back as far as to sometime during the Middle Ages, and were held in nearly every country of Europe, and to which great importance has been attached. In keeping with this time honored custom Ancient Craft lodge turned out in full regalia last evening and promenade the streets being led by Stenrod's command band, finally bringing up at the opera house, where a fine banquet was spread. The attendance at the banquet was very large. The ladies had provided in abundance cold edibles of a light nature, and ice cream and lemonade, which had been temptingly arranged on numerous tables. About 11 o'clock the master-makers were called to order and listened attentively to able and eloquent addresses by Messrs. Judson & Jackson, of Topeka, who explained the nature of the celebration, and the events that had led to it, after which every one gave themselves up to social amenities of the hour, and right merrily did the evening pass. The occasion was in every respect a magnificent success, and will long be remembered as such by those who were so fortunate as to be present.

ABOUT CROWD MURKINS.

About 11 o'clock Monday night some person or persons tried to effect an entrance into the postoffice by way of the rear door, but luckily for themselves were scared away before accomplishing their object, otherwise they would have been perforated with bullets. Two of the postoffice clerks, John Parney and Chas. Neff, occupy the side rear room of the office as a sleeping apartment, and they had but just retired when they heard some one tampering with the door. Hastily getting up they each secured a revolver, which are kept handy for just such emergencies, and placed themselves in front of the door, ready to give the burglar or burglar a warm welcome as soon as they should show themselves. The thieves evidently "smelt a rat," and retreated, but soon after they were heard trying to effect an entrance at the back door to Rosen's jewelry store. But for some reason they did not persist in entering the store, probably imagining that they were watched, which in fact was the case, and had they got in at either place it is quite likely they would have been killed or at least severely wounded.

MINISTERIAL INSTITUTE.

An important meeting of the Kansas Christian Ministerial Institute and Normal Bible School will convene in Emporia on July 24, and will continue its sessions until August 1. The institute will continue from the 24th to the 28th. The school will begin immediately and continue until August 1. Papers will be read by the following named preachers: C. W. Pool, of Girard; A. J. Thompson, Manhattan; J. W. B. Thompson, Hamilton; W. Eagles, Lena; T. H. Goodnight, Newton; J. B. McClary, Leavenworth; J. A. Lord, of Missouri. Sermons for criticism will be preached by A. J. White, Leavenworth; C. C. Dewese, Columbus; W. H. Boles, Topeka; Geo. E. Dew, Hiawatha; W. H. Priest, Atchison.

The school will be conducted by Prof. J. W. Motter, of the Kentucky University, and will be especially for the instruction of the preachers of the state.

THE HYMNAL ALTAR.

This morning at 8 o'clock Mr. Finley Ross and Miss Ella Fuller will be united in marriage. The ceremony will take place at the residence of the bride's parents, on the corner of Lawrence avenue and First street, the Rev. B. Kelly, of Winfield, officiating. The bride and groom will take the "Prison Express" an hour later for the shore. As we can say nothing more that will add to the surprise of society circles, we will simply wish that their after life may be as cloudless as this rosy morn, for marriage sanctioned by love is nature's second sun, and day without which this world, with all its beauties and colors of art and nature, would be like a fast career in solitude—and alone.

"I have found a home here, and I have found a friend in you," said a woman to a man who had just left her. "I wish you joy."

A DAMAGE SUIT.

The damage suit brought against the city of Wichita by H. G. Lee, came up for trial in the district court yesterday, and elicited considerable interest, the court room being filled with people most of the day. Mr. Lee seeks to recover \$100,000 alleged damage done to his property by the city in digging a ditch across his lots and allowing the waste water of the city to escape upon the same. After considerable trouble the following jury was empaneled: J. C. Hyde, James Dean, Wm. Black, Wm. Parsons, S. S. Neagle, E. Dodge, S. C. Summers, J. C. Major, H. F. Baker, Patrick McDonald, James Lowry and H. Blinn. The plaintiff is represented by Attorneys Hutton, Ruggles & Parsons, and the city by J. M. Balderton, jointly assisted by Hon. James Dyer. The evidence was nearly all in on both sides when court adjourned until this morning.

PERSONAL MENTION.

—S. P. Wade, of Topeka, was on the streets yesterday.

—Rev. C. R. Woodson, of Goddard, was in the city last evening.

—C. A. Leland and wife, of El Dorado, spent yesterday in this city.

—Ransom W. Ross, of Bloomington, Ill., is in the city a guest of Mark Pittsworth.

—Frank L. Eley, representing the large starch works of Ottawa, Iowa, is in the city.

—John Scott, a prominent railroad contractor of St. Louis, arrived in Wichita last evening.

—J. W. Coates, of Williamport, Ind., is stopping at the Tremont. He came to Wichita to locate.

—Mrs. Peyton Montgomery arrived in the city last evening from Kansas City on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Alfred Basley.

—Ed. Arnsby, formerly of this place, and now of Atchison, arrived in the city Monday night, and will remain a few days.

—Frank Gillett and wife, of Kingman, arrived in the city last evening. They are on their way to Larned, where Mr. G. is called on.

—Mr. Taylor, of the Panhandle, and Mr. Hann, the Santa Fe's agent at Sedgewick City, came down to the city last night, returning this morning.

—Rev. B. Kelly came up from Winfield on last evening's train. Mr. Kelly has numerous friends in this city who are always pleased to welcome him.

—Dr. E. B. Allen, of Wichita, was a guest at the Windsor yesterday. The doctor is making a lively canvass for the Republican nomination for secretary of state—Commonwealth.

We are pleased to state that old Mr. Thomas, who was so badly injured some weeks ago by being thrown from his buggy, is now able to sit up for short intervals and move about a little.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Rose came down from Kingman last evening's train, and are on their way to the east. They will visit several of the larger cities, and friends of various points before returning home.

—Levi McLaughlin, for some time in this county, and a member of the EAGLE for the last ten years, called this morning accompanied by his daughters, Amelia and Laura, and his son Thorwaldsen.

—United States District Attorney Col. J. R. Hubbard, came in on the Friday road Monday. He will leave today for Arkansas City, where he goes to investigate things in the Indian territory and Oklahoma country.

—C. C. Bushing and wife returned from a Pacific trip to the Pacific coast last evening. They visited San Francisco, the Yosemite valley and other points of interest, having a delightful time while gone, and are looking as if the journey was beneficial as well as enjoyable.

—Comptroller E. P. Ford departed on yesterday's train for Carbondale, Illinois, where his wife went some months ago, in response to a letter stating that her mother was dangerously ill. Mr. Ford will be absent about ten days, when he expects to return accompanied by his wife.

—Judge William G. Little, of Wichita, came out Wednesday and stopped here on his way to his sheep in Kingman county. He is an active postoffice. He owns a piece of land, section 27, four miles southwest of Cheney. He is one of the fine wool growers of Kansas.—Cheney Journal.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Girl Wanted.

A girl wanted to do housework. Inquire at the north-west corner of Market and English streets. Good wages. 22-1

Mr. Lehrer, the photographer arrived from Chicago this morning and took his position with Rogers. Mr. Lehrer gave up a position in one of the Chicago galleries Saturday evening. He comes recommended by Brand, Douglas, Thompson & Co., and they say our city people may look for good work in photographs. 22-1

A new house and 50-foot lot for sale at a bargain by Bartholomew & McClintock. 22-2

The latest in the photograph line is the new firm of Baldwin & Osterberg, at 28 Douglas avenue. They have newly furnished rooms, and a gallery equipped with everything to give to their customers photographs of the most artistic finish. This firm is a combination of long photographic experience, which will unquestionably add to the quality of work produced. It is needless to say anything in regard to Mr. Osterberg's reputation as retoucher and finisher, for those who are acquainted with his work know it is equal to the best. 22-1

Bring your babies, your children and all the big folks to Baldwin & Osterberg's, and be photographed with lightning speed. 22-1

Messrs. Curran & Willitt are first-class dressmakers. Those wishing fashionable dresses cut and made should call on them, over Fuller & Son's grocery. 22-3

No. 28 Douglas avenue is where you can rest comfortably while waiting for your pictures. 22-1

Go to the first stairs east of the New York store for photographs. 22-1

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